(b) whether it is also a fact that Mr. Nusli Wadia has been granted a work permit;

(b) whether it is also a fact that he has applied for renewal of his work permit;

(d) whether Government have renewed his work permit;

(e) what are the reasons for issuing work permit to a British passport holder in India; and

(f) what are the norms for issuing work permits to foreigners in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (f) There is no system of granting work permit to foreigners under the Foreigners Act, 1946 or the Registration of Foreigners Act, 1939 or Rules framed thereunder.

Baggage of an Indian Diplomat searched by the Royal Fiji Military Forces

1076. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian Diplomat was searched by the Royal Fiji Military Forces recently;

(b) whether such a search is against the Vienna Convention;

(c) whether Government have lodged a protest with the Fiji Government in this regard; and

(d) if so, what is Fiji Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. NATWAR SINGH): (a) On 4th June, 1987, security personnel at Nadi airport in Fiji checked the baggage of Dr. V. K. Verma, then First Secretary in the Indian High Commission in Suva, on his arrival from a visit abroad.

(b) The vienna Convetnion does not preclude search of a diplomat's baggage in certain circumstances, but such action is contrary to normal diplomatic practice.

(c) A strong protest was lodged by our High Commissioner with the Fiji Foreign Office.

(d) Fiji's Permanent Secretary for Foreign Affairs in a letter to our High Commissioner has regretted the incident and reaffirmed an assurance given earlier by the Governor General that the Governmnet of Fiji was fully committed to comply with the Vienna Convention as incorpoarted in Fiji's laws.

Smuggling of tiger bones and skins

1077. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI:
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:
SHRI CHANDRIKA PRASAD TRIPATHI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the skins and bones of tigers are being smuggled out of the country because a tiger's skin fetches between Rs. 1 to 10 lakhs and tiger bones are in great demand for medicinal purposes in China;

(b) how many such cases came to the notice of Government during the last three years and what action was taken to punish the guilty;

(c) whether Government suspect that the large scale killing of tigers in Dudhwa National Park were directly linked with the smugglers' activities and if so, what action has been taken to bust the smugglers' gang; and

(d) what fresh initiative, besides the Project Tiger, do Government propose to take to ensure that the poaching of tigers stops?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) No instances of tiger skins or bones being smuggled out of the country have been detected in the past 3 years. However, the State Government of Uttar Pradesh has informed that a C.I.D. enquiry has been instituted to investigate the reported killing of tiger in and around the Dudhwa National Park.

(d) The steps to provide protection to tion staff in and around wildlife sanclude:

(1) Increased deployment of protection staff in and around wildlife sanctuaries;

(2) Strengthening of communication by providing telephones, wireless systems and vehicles in wildlife sanctuaries;

(3) Providing arms to staff engaged in protection of areas threatned by organised poaching;

(4) Involvemnet of local people, especially of tribal people in protection;

(5) Offering rewards to people helping in detection of poaching and other wildlife offences;

(6) Increased financial outlays, both by the Central and State Governments, for national parks & Wildlife sanctuaries and to counteract pocahing outside these protected areas.

Implementation of Justice Khanna Commission recommendations

1078. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what action was taken for the implementation of recommendations of Justice D. R. Khanna Commission before the Ansal Bhavan fire incident in June last and also after the said fire incident;

(b) what were the reasons for not issuing notices under the Delhi Frie Prevention Act to the owners of 194 high rise buildings, before the Ansal Bhavan fire incident last June, in spite of the fact that the Act was passed last year; and

(c) whether it is a fact that even the Vikas Minar of D.D.A. itself, one of the tallest buildings in Delhi, cannot be approached in case of fire by SNORKELS and turn tables because of the weak extended basement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Most of the recommendations of Justice D. R. Khanna Commission of Inquiry have been implemented before 29th June, 1987. However, 194 high-rise buildings, including Ansal Bhavan, have been deficient in adequate fire-safety measures. Legal notices have been issued to owners/occupiers of all these unsafe high-rise buildings under the Delhi Fire Prevention and Fire Safety Act, 1986 giving them three months time to complete in-built fire protection measures.

(c) Yes, Sir.

Compensation to November '84 Riots Victims

1079. SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many persons have applied for compensation for their properties destroyed/looted during November, 1984 disturbances Statewise and what is the amount towards their claims;

(b) how many of these claims have been verified and how many applicants have since been compensated and how much amount has been paid; and

(c) whether Government have fixed any date by which all those claims will be settled; if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) Victims of November, 1984 riots have